

Wild Sri Lanka - In Style

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Peafowl, Sambar & Spotted Deer



Leopard



Mugger Crocodile



Sloth Bear

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Highlights

A hungry Wild Boar stands its ground obstructing the leaders from obtaining the tickets for the Yala safari, as it sniffs out the delicious packed meals held by all our safari goers. Yet the delay only benefits us as we manage to sneak up to a sleeping Leopard no less than 30 metres from our jeeps. We are just in time to see her wake up and gently disappear in to the thick bushes beneath her rocky bed. Before long we are jolted by three Spotted Deer that dash out of the bushes, followed by our fierce feline. The chase stops abruptly, and views of our Leopard become very clear. We spend a few minutes with her before she disappears once again in to the forest, not to be seen again. The next day's safari became fabulous with a sighting of a Sloth Bear, again no less than 30 metres from our vehicle. The handsome Orange-breasted Green Pigeon stood atop every other tree whilst the curious Ruddy Mongoose looked closely at us as we passed by.

Overall, we recorded 198 bird species, 23 species of mammals and 18 species of reptiles, which all contributed to the success of this tour.

Day 1

Monday 7th January

The tour started for most with a flight from London to Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka.

Day 2

Tuesday 8th January

Kandalama

After the group arrived at the Katunayake Airport at 1pm, we left for Kandalama, en route stopping at Kurunegala for some tea and a light meal. During our journey to the hotel we encountered Indian Peafowl, Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Indian Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Purple Heron, Little Egret, Little Cormorant, Brahminy Kite, White-breasted Waterhen, Red-wattled Lapwing, Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern, Rock Dove, Spotted Dove, White-throated Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Brown-headed Barbet, Rose-ringed Parakeet, House Crow, Barn Swallow, Yellow-billed Babbler, Common Myna, Pale-billed Flowerpecker and Purple-rumped Sunbird, along with Toque Macaque, Indian Palm Squirrel and Bengal (Land) Monitor.

We reached the Kandalama hotel at 6.15pm and met for the evening briefing at 7.30pm and had our dinner thereafter.

Day 3

Wednesday 9th January

Kandalama

We left the hotel at 8am, after having our breakfast, and proceeded to the Polonnaruwa ancient city. On our way we saw a few Asian Elephants close to the Minneriya National Park. After reaching the ancient city we visited the Parakramabahu Palace complex, the king's audience hall and the Prince pond. We then visited the sacred quadrangle where the Vatadage monument, the stone book and the Hatadage monument, along with other monuments, were seen. We had some fresh King Coconut juice to beat the heat and then proceeded to the Gal Vihare where we saw the four rock-cut Buddha statues. We then visited a local restaurant which was overlooking

a rich rice field. After a hearty lunch we set off to Sigiriya to scale the famous Lion Rock. During our morning excursion we encountered Giant Squirrel, Grey Mongoose, Spot-billed Pelican, Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern and Woolly-necked Stork.

We reached the Sigiriya site by 4.30pm and a few decided to climb the rock whilst the rest stayed at the rock base and did some birding. Our sightings included Lesser Whistling Duck, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Little Grebe, Grey Heron, Crested Serpent Eagle, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Asian Palm Swift, Little Swift, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Coppersmith Barbet, Peregrine Falcon, Small Minivet, Black-hooded Oriole, White-browed Fantail, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Red-vented Bulbul, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Purple Sunbird and Loten's Sunbird, along with Grey Langur, Spotted Deer, Indian (Black-naped) Hare, Brown Vine Snake, Asian Water Monitor, Mugger Crocodile, Soft-shelled Terrapin and Common House Gecko,

We returned to the hotel at 7pm and had dinner at 8pm, followed by the briefing for the next day.

Day 4

Thursday 10th January

Kandy

Our-pre-breakfast bird walk around the hotel yielded sightings of Indian Robin, Indian Swiftlet, Black-rumped Flameback, Common Iora, White-browed Fantail, Jerdon's Leafbird and Southern Hill Myna. We returned to the hotel for breakfast and thereafter checked out of the hotel at 8.30am to proceed to our next destination in Kandy. En route we visited a dedicated economic centre which was crowded with loads of vegetable and fruit suppliers. Thereafter we visited the Dambulla Rock Cave temple where we explored the ancient cave complex which has a long and colourful history. The well-preserved cave complex contains 153 statues and intricately painted wall art.

Our next stop was a Spice Garden in Matale, where we were taken on a tour of the spice plantation which included spices such as Cinnamon, Pepper, Ginger, Nutmeg and other herbs and indigenous plants. We enjoyed another traditional Sri Lankan meal here and proceeded to Kandy and reached the Cinnamon Citadel hotel at 4.30pm. The rest of the evening was spent enjoying the pool and the surroundings before once again meeting for the checklist and briefing at 7pm. Dinner followed.

Day 5

Friday 11th January

Kandy

After an early breakfast we set off to visit the Udawattakele sanctuary, which is situated above the old Kandyan palace complex and which was once the Royal Gardens. Here we encountered Southern Hill Myna, Black-naped Monarch, White-rumped Shama, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Black Bulbul, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Green Warbler, Greenish Warbler, White-rumped Munia, Muntjac and Toque Macaque.

Our next visit was to the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and here we had some good sightings of Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, White-bellied Drongo, Crimson-fronted Barbet, and Common Hawk Cuckoo along with hundreds of Indian Flying Fox.

Our next stop was for lunch at a local restaurant and soon afterwards we return to the hotel for another afternoon of relaxation.

At 4.20 we left the hotel to view a cultural dance programme and thereafter visited the Temple of the Tooth. We were there during the evening ceremony and were able to get a glimpse of the golden casket which houses the Buddha's tooth. During our evening in Kandy we encountered Indian and Great Cormorant, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher and Black-crowned Night Heron.

Our usual evening proceedings followed at 7.30pm at the hotel.

Day 6

Saturday 12th January

Nuwara Eliya

After having our breakfast, we checked out of the hotel at 9.30am and set off to Nuwara Eliya. En route we visited a working tea plantation and experienced the process of tea making and enjoyed some of the fresh samples. We had lunch at a scenic location overlooking the Ramboda waterfalls. House Sparrow, Hill Swallow and White-rumped Munia flew by the restaurant window as we enjoyed our meal.

The scenic drive continued as forest hills turned into tea plantations intertwined with vegetable patches. The weather was cool and the breeze was gentle as we got off the bus and entered the Grand Hotel. The charm and the warmth of the place quickly engulfed us as we sat with a hot cup of tea in the lobby area. Shortly after checking in to the hotel, everyone explored the hall ways and the artefacts decorating the various rooms of the building. The newly opened swimming pool was a welcoming sight for most who quickly took a plunge.

The rest of the evening was at leisure until we met for the checklist at 7.30pm. The restaurant was tastefully lit with a pianist and violinist serenading the guests as they enjoyed the long overflowing buffet spread.

Day 7

Sunday 13th January

Horton Plains

With our packed breakfast at hand we set off to Horton Plains National Park in three minibuses at 5.30am. It was a very clear morning and the temperature was very pleasant. Our brave and energetic group opted to do the full 9.6-kilometre trek and were treated to some spectacular sightings of Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Dull-blue Flycatcher, Himalayan Buzzard, Indian Blackbird, Grey Wagtail, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Pied Bush Chat, Sri Lankan White-eye, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Crested (also known as Oriental) Honey Buzzard, Black Eagle, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Indian Peafowl, Brown Shrike and Paddyfield Pipit, along with Water Buffalo, Sambar Deer, Brown Mongoose and Muntjac. We were back at the hotel for lunch at 2pm.

At 4.30pm we visited the Victoria Park and enjoyed good views of Pied Thrush, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike and Indian Pitta. We returned to the hotel amidst a slight drizzle and met up for dinner at 7.30pm.

Day 8

Monday 14th January

Yala

We checked out of the hotel at 9am, after having our breakfast, and proceeded to Yala. This long but scenic journey was enjoyed with our first stop at Surrey Estate sanctuary where we were met with by the handsome Brown Wood Owl, along with Asian Koel, Brown-headed Barbet, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Brown-capped Babbler and Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon. The journey continued until our next stop at Bandarawela for lunch.

We saw the famous Ravana Water falls in Ella as we traversed in to the plains below. The hills quickly faded away as we descended in to the dry zone of the island, which was a maze of paddy fields supported by small and big tanks.

We pulled in to the well-hidden Cinnamon Wild hotel at 6.15 pm and, after checking in to our rooms, we returned to the restaurant for our briefing and dinner.

Day 9

Tuesday 15th January

Yala National Park (Katagamuwa entrance)

At 5.15am with our packed breakfast and lunch we set off to Yala National park from the Katagamuwa entrance situated at an hour's drive away. By 6.30am we were in our jeeps exploring the roadsides leading to the park entrance and enjoyed sightings of Marshall's Iora, Grey-breasted Prinia, Green Bee-eater, Rosy Starling, Crested Treeswift and many other birds seen before. At the entrance we were cornered by a hungry Wild Boar who had sniffed out our yummy meals in the jeep and gave a hard and comical time to the leaders who were desperately trying to get to the ticket counter to buy the entrance tickets. Finally, our journey continued in to the park and we were delighted with our first sighting of a Leopard sleeping on a rock about 30 metres from our jeep. We stayed with her until she decided to wake up and gently walk down the rock, disappearing in to the bushes. But before long, three Spotted Deer dashed past our jeep as our Leopard came following. She didn't seem as if she was interested in an early morning hunt as she quickly lost interest and sat at the base of the rock giving us superb views of her before once again vanishing in to the jungle.

The day was packed with more sightings of birds and mammals which included Water Buffalo, Golden Jackal, Indian Hare, Sambar Deer and many Ruddy Mongoose, along with Painted Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Oriental Darter, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Shikra, Barred Buttonquail, Black-winged Stilt, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Little Ringed Plover, Kentish Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Common Redshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Sirkeer Malkoha, Blue-faced Malkoha, Jacobin Cuckoo, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Jungle Owlet, Crested Treeswift, Indian Roller, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, EurAsian Hoopoe, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Ashy Drongo, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Sri Lanka Swallow, Ashy Prinia, Plain Prinia, Streaked Weaver, Baya Weaver, Scaly-breasted Munia and Tricolored Munia.

We were back at the hotel by 7.15pm and after dinner we called it a night.

Day 10

Wednesday 16th January

Yala

Our morning safari session started with a very close encounter of a very big male Sloth Bear who was digging up roots and termite mounds around it. More of the birds and mammals seen the previous day were sighted today as well. We returned to the hotel for lunch and thereafter a few clients went back in to Yala for an evening safari as well.

Sightings for the day included Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Great Stone-curlew (also known as Great Thick-knee), Pacific Golden Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Tern, Pied Kingfisher, Grey-headed Swamphen (a split from Purple Swamphen), Brahminy Starling and Indian Silverbill.

We were back in the hotel at 6.30pm and did the checklist and a briefing for the next day before dinner.

Day 11

Thursday 17th January

Galle

After breakfast we checked out of the hotel and visited the Debara Wewa tank where we searched for day roosts of Brown Fish Owl, Jungle Owlet and Collared Scops Owl and managed to find all three. As the drive continued towards Galle, we briefly stopped at a nearby salt pan and encountered Heuglin's Gull and Caspian Tern as a Crested Honey Buzzard flew overhead. Our lunch was enjoyed at the Shangrila resort in Hambantota. The rest of the journey continued along the southern coastal belt of the island with pristine views of the turquoise blue ocean mingling with the white sands of the beach.

After checking in to the Lighthouse Hotel in Galle we met up for our usual evening routine of checklist, briefing and dinner.

Day 12

Friday 18th January

Mirissa

With packed breakfast we left the hotel at 5.30am and proceeded toward the Mirissa harbour where we boarded a boat for our whale-watching excursion. Our first encounter for the day was of a pod of Spinner Dolphins which swam very close to our boat and impressed us with many spins and acrobatic flips. Although it was a clear day, two undercurrents in the ocean were making it a very pitchy ride but we were still lucky with a sighting of a Blue Whale.

Upon return to the hotel at 12.30pm we had our lunch and most of the clients enjoyed a dip in the pool. At 4.30pm we visited the Galle Fort and enjoyed exploring the old buildings and walked along the strong ramparts of the UNESCO World Heritage site. With a cold drink in hand at a restaurant overlooking the ocean we enjoyed the beautiful sunset.

We had our dinner at 8pm and enjoyed the rest of the evening before going off to bed.

Main Tour Day 13 / Sinharaja Extension Day 1 Saturday 19th January

As the whole group opted not to take the whale-watching excursion, most of the morning was spent at leisure enjoying the hotel and its amenities. At 11am we checked out of the hotel and once again visited the Galle Fort and had our last group lunch at a seafood restaurant. The group split in to two, with six going on for their extension to Sinharaja whilst the rest proceeded to Katunayake for their last-night stay.

The Sinharaja group reached the Rainforest Edge hotel at 5.30pm and had a brief walk around the hotel garden, where they encountered Greater Flameback Woodpecker. Dinner and checklist followed at 7.30pm.

The other group visited Colombo on a brief City tour and reached the Gateway Airport hotel at 6.30pm, where they had their dinner at 8pm before calling it a night.

Main Tour Day 14 / Sinharaja Extension Day 2 Sunday 20th January

Those doing the main tour only flew home today, after enjoying Sri Lanka in style.

With a cup of tea/coffee and packed breakfast, those on the extension tour set off in our jeep to the Sinharaja rainforest buffer zone and reached the Ketalapathala village by 6am. Here we encountered the rather shy and elusive Sri Lanka Spurfowl and Spot-winged Thrush, Slaty-legged Crake, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Black-capped Bulbul and a Ruddy Mongoose. On our way to the Rainforest we stopped off at another place and saw the Serendib Scops Owl in its roost and were able to get some good photographs of it.

Inside the rainforest we were met with Malabar Trogon, Lesser Yellownappe woodpecker, Scarlet Minivet, Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Legge's Flowerpecker and Black-throated Munia.

We returned to the hotel at 3pm for a late lunch and relaxed for the rest of the evening. Our checklist and briefing for the next day were done at 7.30pm and thereafter we enjoyed a good meal before calling it a night.

Sinharaja Extension Day 3 Monday 21st January

During our early breakfast at 5.30am, a very loud call of the Sri Lanka Bay Owl got us running in to the hotel garden. With our arrival we saw the silhouette of the bird as it took off down the mountains. It was a very rare and lucky sighting, although it wasn't a very clear view. At 6.15am we were at the rainforest ticket entrance and thereafter we proceeded to the main forest entrance in our jeeps. On our journey to the rainforest we had great sightings of Layard's Parakeet, Sri Lanka Myna, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon and Crested Serpent Eagle.

More sightings of Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, White-faced Starling, Green-billed Coucal, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Lesser Yellownappe, Black-naped Monarch, Sri Lanka Whistling Lizard, Green Vine Snake, Giant Squirrel, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Red-faced Malkoha and Sri Lanka Frogmouth were enjoyed during our trek inside the rainforest.

We returned to the hotel at 3.30pm and enjoyed the rest of the evening swimming and relaxing, until we met for the checklist and dinner at 7.30pm.

Sinharaja Extension Day 4

Tuesday 22nd January

We had a pre-breakfast birding session at 7am and had our breakfast at 8.30am and relaxed in the hotel until lunch.

We checked out of the hotel at 12 noon and set off to Beruwela where four clients stayed back for their beach hotel extension whilst two clients continued their journey to the Gateway Airport Garden Hotel.

We did our checklist at 7.30pm and then had our dinner before calling it a night.

Sinharaja Extension Day 5

Wednesday 23rd January

After breakfast the group checked out of the hotel and reached the airport in time for their return flights home, having enjoyed some of the best of Sri Lanka's wildlife.

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Species Lists

Birds (Endemics in bold; previous names in brackets)

Common name	Scientific name
1 Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2 Sri Lanka Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
3 Sri Lanka Junglefowl	<i>Gallus lafayetii</i>
4 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
5 Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
6 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
7 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
8 Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
9 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
10 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
11 Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
12 Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
13 Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
14 Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
15 Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
16 Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
17 Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
18 Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
19 Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
20 Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
21 Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
22 Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
23 Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
24 Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
25 Crested Honey Buzzard, (Oriental Honey Buzzard)	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
26 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
27 Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatius</i>
28 Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
29 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
30 Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
31 White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
32 Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>
33 Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo(buteo) burmanicus</i>
34 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
35 Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
36 Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
37 Great Stone-Curlew (Great Thick-knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
38 Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
39 Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
40 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
41 Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
42 Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
43 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
44 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
45 Lesser Sand Plover (Mongolian Plover)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
46 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
47 Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
48 Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
49 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
50 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
51 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
52 Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
53 Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
54 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
55 Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
56 Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
57 Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
58 Heuglin's Gull	<i>Larus heuglini</i>
59 Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
60 Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
61 Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
62 Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
63 Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>
64 Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
65 Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
66 Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
67 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
68 Sri Lanka Green Pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
69 Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
70 Green-billed Coucal	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>
71 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
72 Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
73 Red-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
74 Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
75 Jacobin Cuckoo (Pied Cuckoo)	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
76 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
77 Grey-bellied Cuckoo (Plaintive Cuckoo)	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
78 Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
79 Sri Lanka Bay Owl	<i>Phodilus assimilis</i>
80 Serendib Scops Owl	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
81 Indian Scops Owl (Collared Scops Owl)	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
82 Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
83 Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
84 Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
85 Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
86 Crested Treeswift (Gray-rumped Treeswift)	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
87 Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
88 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
89 Little Swift (House Swift)	<i>Apus affinis</i>
90 Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
91 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
92 Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
93 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
94 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
95 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
96 Green Bee-eater (Little Green Bee-eater)	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
97 Blue-tailed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
98 Chestnut-headed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
99 Eurasian Hoopoe (Common Hoopoe)	<i>Upupa epops</i>
100 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
101 Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
102 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
103 Yellow-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
104 Crimson-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
105 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
106 Lesser Yellownap	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
107 Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
108 Crimson-backed Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
109 Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
110 Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
111 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
112 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
113 Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
114 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
115 Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
116 Sri Lanka Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
117 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
118 Marshall's Iora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
119 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
120 Orange Minivet (Scarlet Minivet, Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
121 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
122 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
123 Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
124 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
125 Sri Lanka Drongo (Sri Lanka Crested Drongo)	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
126 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
127 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
128 Indian Paradise Flycatcher (Asian Paradise Flycatcher)	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
129 Sri Lanka Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
130 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
131 Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed)	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
132 Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
133 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
134 Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
135 Black-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
136 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
137 Yellow-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
138 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
139 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
140 Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
141 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
142 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
143 Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
144 Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
145 Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
146 Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>
147 Sri Lanka Bush Warbler	<i>Elaphromis palliseri</i>
148 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
149 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
150 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
151 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
152 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
154 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
155 Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
156 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>

Common name	Scientific name
157 Brown-capped Babbler	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
158 Orange-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
159 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
160 Ashy-headed Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
161 Sri Lanka White-eye	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
162 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
163 Sri Lanka Hill Myna (Sri Lanka Myna)	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
164 Southern Hill Myna (Lesser Hill Myna)	<i>Gracula indica</i>
165 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
166 Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
167 White-faced Starling	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
168 Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
169 Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
170 Spot-winged Thrush	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
171 Sri Lanka Thrush (Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush)	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>
172 Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
173 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
174 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
175 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
176 Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
177 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
178 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
179 Dull-blue Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
180 Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
181 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
182 Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
183 Legge's Flowerpecker (White-throated Flowerpecker)	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
184 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
185 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
186 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
187 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
188 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
189 Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>
190 Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
191 Indian Silverbill (White-throated Silverbill)	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
192 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
193 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
194 Black-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>
195 Tricolored Munia (Black-headed Munia)	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
196 Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
197 Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
198 Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name
1 Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
2 Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus (Presbytis) entellus</i>
3 Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus (Presbytis) vetulus</i>
4 Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
5 Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>
6 Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
7 Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>

8	Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
9	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
10	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
11	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
12	Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
13	Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
14	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
15	Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
16	Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
17	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
18	Layard's Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>
19	Indian Hare (Black-naped Hare)	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
20	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantea</i>
21	Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>
22	Spinner Dolphin	<i>Stenella mulla</i>
23	Lesser Bandicoot Rat	<i>Bandicota bengalensis</i>

Reptiles & Amphibians

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Sri Lanka Green Pit Viper	<i>Trimeresurus trionocephalus</i>
2	Green Vine Snake	<i>Ahaetulla nasuta</i>
3	Brown Vine Snake	<i>Ahaetulla pulverulenta</i>
4	Common Bronze-back Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>
5	Boulenger's (Sri Lanka) Keelback Snake	<i>Xenochrophis asperrimus</i>
6	Bengal (Land) Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
7	Asian Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>
8	Oriental (Common) Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
9	Black-cheek Lizard (Black-lipped Lizard)	<i>Calotes nigrilabris</i>
10	Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
11	Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
12	Soft-shelled Terrapin	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
13	Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
14	Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
15	Green Pond Frog	<i>Euphlyctis hexadactylus</i>
16	Common Rough-sided Snake	<i>Aspidura trachyprocta</i>
17	Common Trinket Snake	<i>Coelognathus helena-daudin</i>
18	Whistling Lizard	<i>Calotes liolepis</i>